ployed in the small scale units manufacturing Mouth Freshner; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to exempt the excise duty on Mouth Freshner considering the interest of the poor workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANA): (a) to (c) The Government have received memorandum from the Small Scale Pan Masala Manufacturers Association requesting exemption of excise duty on Mouth Freshner. Rates of excise duty are prescribed after taking consideration all relevant factors, including the nature of goods, revenue potential, the general state of the industry and administrative convenience.

(d) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for exempting month freshner from excise duty.

Categorisation of Pan Masala/Moutb Freshner for Excise Duty

3757. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Pan Masala and Mouth Freshner have been classified under the same category for purpose of excise duty;

(b) if so, the ingredients used for these two products;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the major ingredients differ in Pan Masala and Mouth Freshner and the classification of the two under one category is not justified; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its decision and impose separate rates of excise duty for Pan Masala and Mouth Freshner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Pan Masala and Mouth Freshner both are classified under heading 21.06 of Central Excise Tariff subject to Note 3 of Chapter 21.

(b) Pan Masala contains bctelnut and any one or more of the ingredients, namely. Lime, Katha (Catechu) and tobacco, and/or cardamom, kopra, menthol etc.

So called Mouth Freshner generally contains Dry Dates (Chhuara), bctelnut. Catechu, lime, flavours and/or any other ingredients, namely. Sugar, coco, Mulcthi, menthol, cardamom, saunf, giri etc.

(c) The Chapter Note 3 of Chapter 21 provides that "Pan Masala" means any preparation containing betelnut and any one or more of the following ingredients, namely, lime, Katha (catechu) and tobacco, whether or not containing any other ingredients such as cardamom, Kopra and menthol.

All products conforming to the description of "Pan Masala" contained in Note 3 of Chapter 21 will be classifiable under heading 21.06 irrespective of the fact as to which ingredient is in major proportion. Thus classification of any product, whether called as Pan Masala or Mouth Freshner, would fall under the classification of "Pan Masala" specifically mentioned under heading 21.06.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Gap between capital receipts and capital expenditure

3158. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the magnitude of borrowings made by India during the last six years;

(b) the details of capital receipts and capital expenditure during the last six years;